As regards licensing policy for the sugar industry, it is presently being reviewed by the Government.

बाल श्रमिकों की समस्या पर रिपोर्ट

5141. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार संगठन, "यूनीसेफ" और अन्य संगठनों की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार भारत, बंगलादेश, पाकिस्तान और अन्य दक्षिण एशियाई देशों में बाल श्रमिकों की समस्या व्याप्त है ;

(ख) सरकार की इन रिपोर्टों पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में तथ्य संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Verification of membership of trade Unions of port and dock workers

5142. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether verification of membership of Trade Unions for the years 1992 and 1994 of Port and Dock workers in the 11 major ports was carried out;

(b) if so, what are the details of verifications of membership of each of the Trade Unions alongwith the names of the Ports and their All India Federation to which the Unions are affilated; and

(c) in case where the verification has not been carried out, what are the reasons therefor and by when this is to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Verification of membership of unions operating in eight major ports for the year ending 1992 has been completed for the purpose of giving representation to Labour in Port Trust and Dock Labour Boards. Verification for 1994 has not been undertaken. The report is given in the annexure [*See* Appendix 173, annexure No. 109]

(c) The verification of membership of unions in Calcutta Port for 1992 is in progress. The verification of Paradeep and Kandla Ports are held up due to court cases.

बाल श्रमिकों संबंधी आंकड़े

5143. **प्रो० राम बक्श सिंह वर्मा** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने 1991 की जनगणना के आधार पर बाल श्रमिकों के संबंध में आंकड़े तैयार किए थे ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो 1991 की जनगणना के आधार पर बाल श्रमिकों की संख्या कितनी थी ;

(ग) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उनकी संख्या में कितनी कमी आई है ;

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने वर्ष 1994 में बाल श्रमिकों के संबंध में कोई सर्वेक्षण करवाया है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री पी. ए. संगमा) : (क) 1991 की जनगणना के आधार पर बाल श्रमिकों संबंधी डाटा अभी तक जारी नहीं किया गया है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(घ) 1994 में सरकार ने बाल श्रमिकों के संबंध में कोई सर्वेक्षण नहीं किया है ।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Amendments in the workmen's compensation Act, 1923

5144. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make amendments in the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 in order to provide adequate compensation to the victims;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether any amendments were made in the said Act during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) A Bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 so as to provide inter-alia for enhancement of the minimum amount of compensation, its rates etc. has already been introduced in the Rajya Sabha.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Closure of industrial units in Madhya Pradesh

5145. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the medium and small industrial units in Madhya Pradesh which are lying closed location-wise;

(b) the total investment made in these units; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to revive these units?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Review of the employees state Insurance Act, 1948

5146. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees State Insurance Act enacted in the year 1948 has become outmoded and needs change following the introduction of liberalisation;

(b) if so, the nature of constraints that have come up in the scheme in course of time; and

(c) steps contemplated to remove them?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Latest safety measures in underground mining

5147. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest safety measures have been pressed in service in underground mining;

(b) if so, what will be the impact of such preventive measures on the mishaps in mining;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what will be the percentage reduction in mishaps if such steps become successful?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) While it is the reponsibility of the mine managements to adopt latest mining technologies leading to improved safety measures, the Directorate General of Mines Safety constantly reviews the same from time to time and suggests further necessary measures required to be adopted. Such improvement of safety measures is an ongoing process and is expected to result in minimising accidents in mines. However, the expected reduction in mishaps is not quantifiable in advance.